(9) Cherukolpuzha-Poovanakadavu road also should be taken up for early execution.

Dewan's reply.—Action will be taken to provide a jungar at Palathankuzhi. The other points are noted.

83. Restoration of the Vellanjili canal, the construction of a road along its northern bank to connect the main road to Alleppey with the village road leading from Ambalapuzha to Karumadi and the improvement of the latter village road.

Mr. N. Sankaranarayana Panikkar (Member, Ambalapuzha taluk) represented the difficulty experienced by the inhabitants of the eastern *pakuthies*, especially non-caste Hindus who had to resort to the public offices on business. The offices were situated on the beach and there was no proper road to them. There was already a canal called the Vellanjili *thodu*, about a mile and a half in length from east to west, now in a neglected condition which, if repaired, would serve the purpose. He also wanted a road parallel to the proposed canal on its northern bank to connect the Ambalapuzha-Karumadi village road with the main road to Alleppey. If the canal be repaired, the earth secured thereby would be useful for the road. The village road leading from Ambalapuzha to Karumadi should also be gravelled and improved.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

84. Opening of a canal to connect the western end of the Vadai canal with Kunjithai.

Mr. Vinamsi Thomas (Member, Shertallay taluk) requested that, in view to improve the means of communication in the taluk, a canal should be cut along the coast from Alleppey to Arathumkal for a distance of 11 miles, connecting the branches of the several canals (known as *pozhies*) emptying the water from the paddy lands into the sea. The canal should also be joined on to the existing channel from Arathumkal to Cochin. The work could be done at much less cost than the Alleppey Shertallay canal now abandoned. The people would be willing to cut the canal themselves, provided the lands required were obtained free of compensation from the owners, and a grant of Rs. 30,000 was also allowed by Government. The proposed canal would give through communication from north to south of the taluk.

For the convenience of the people in the interior of the taluk, the following canals should be constructed east to west:—

1. From Aryad (Mannancheri) to Kattur chowkey.
2. From Mukammay to the beach *via* Mararikulam temple.
3. From Shertallay to the beach *via* Arathumkal. The length of each of the canals would not exceed 5 miles.

He also requested that the following roads should be metalled:—

1. The road from Alleppey to Shertallay and from Shertallay to Arur *via* Kuthiathode. Avenue trees should be planted on the two sides of the road.
2. The road from Thanneermukkam to Shertallay.
3. The road from Shertallay to Kunjithai.

Dewan's reply.— Noted.

85. Means of communication in the Shertallay taluk.

Mr. A. Rama Panikkar (Member, Shertallay taluk) said that, in the discussion of the relative merits of a road, canal and light railway, the taluk had so far got none of them. He represented that a main road be cut through the taluk, a portion of it being done every year.

Mr. N. R. Krishnan (Member, Nominated) requested that a light railway might be constructed connecting Alleppey with Arurmukam and that cross roads be opened later on according to necessity east to west.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5. P. M.

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